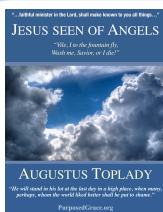


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every thing that moveth
therein.”

(PSALM 69:34)



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FOUND IN HIM

“AND BE FOUND IN HIM, NOT HAVING MINE OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHICH IS OF THE LAW, BUT THAT WHICH IS THROUGH THE FAITH OF CHRIST, THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS OF GOD BY FAITH”

(PHILIPPIANS 3:9)

In consequence of being thus preached unto the Gentiles, He is, and will continue to be, believed on in the world. The holy Spirit makes, and will persist to make, the preaching of Christ crucified, the grand channel of His converting power. Pharisees, convinced of sin, shall be dislodged from reliance of their own works, and seek to Jesus for righteousness and strength. Hell deserving offenders, who once saw no comeliness in Christ, but perhaps blasphemed His name, despised His cross, and trod all His commandments under their feet; pierced with the keen, but salutary [health-giving] arrow of penitential anguish, and melted down by effectual grace; shall look for salvation to Him whom they have pierced, and mourn in the bitterness of their souls, as one that mourneth for his first-born. All His people throughout the world shall believe in Him: some with an *assured*, some with a *faltering* faith; but they shall *all* believe: just as, when the Israelites were wounded by the flying serpents in the wilderness, some looked, to the brazen image, stedfastly; others feebly; some had a full, near, and distinct view of the elevated remedy, others had a distant, imperfect, confused sight of it; and many perhaps, could but just raise their eyes toward the object, and hardly

caught a glimpse of it: yet they all looked, after some rate or other; and all who did, were healed. So all the people of Christ reach forward towards His righteousness; some with a strong, some with a trembling hand, but they shall all grasp at it, and all utter this prayer (a prayer, which was never, nor ever can be breathed from a graceless heart), O let me be found in thee, not having my own righteousness, which is of the law, but the righteousness which is of God by faith! They, who thus believe, are careful to adorn the doctrine of God their Saviour, in all-things.

[PASTOR] **AUGUSTUS TOPLADY** (1740-1778)

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VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

“IF YE WERE OF THE WORLD, THE WORLD WOULD LOVE HIS OWN: BUT BECAUSE YE ARE NOT OF THE WORLD, BUT I HAVE CHOSEN YOU OUT OF THE WORLD, THEREFORE THE WORLD HATETH YOU.”

(JOHN 15:19)

In walking through the streets on a Tuesday afternoon, being the day of my weekly lecture, I have been noticed by many, who have stopped, pointed, broke their jests, and regaled [entertained] themselves with mirth [laughter], till I was out of sight. These have had their day, their sport, and their triumphs; but mine is all to come.

[PASTOR] **WILLIAM HUNTINGTON S.S.** (1745-1813)

CHRIST ASCENDED UP ON HIGH

“AND IT WAS ABOUT THE SIXTH HOUR, AND THERE WAS A DARKNESS OVER ALL THE EARTH UNTIL THE NINTH HOUR.”

(LUKE 23:44)

Why was the earth darkened? not only to demonstrate the dignity of Him that bled, but, perhaps to shadow forth that still more deep and dismal darkness, which the soul of the Messiah was then experiencing, under the awful withdrawals of His Father’s countenance. When His Father’s sensible presence returned, and Jesus, with His dying breath, declared His sufferings fulfilled, light revisited the earth, and the sufferer was received into glory. Joy was again in heaven (never to be absent more); when the human soul of Christ ascended from the cross. With what eclats [brilliant displays] of admiring transport was He seen of angels, when He rode on cherubs and did fly, and went up, to His throne as on the wings of the wind!

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MY SOUL DOTH MAGNIFY THE LORD

“O MAGNIFY THE LORD WITH ME, AND LET US EXALT HIS NAME TOGETHER.”

(PSALM 34:3)

COME, sing the Saviour's praises, for He is God alone;
He from the dunghill raises His people to a throne.

O the matchless love of JESUS! Its wonders who can tell?
Our souls He hath redeemed from the very gates of hell.

He knew what it would cost Him, yet shrank not from the cup;
His precious life be spared not, but freely gave it up.

The flaming sword of justice His righteous Father drew,
and with almighty vengeance He pierced him through and through.

With joy we view the fountain flow freely from His side,
Yet mourn over [our] transgressions for which the Saviour died.

But see the rising Conqueror, with glory on His brow;
His dying groans on Calvary have silenced every foe.

He enters heaven rejoicing in the freedom of His bride,
While her eternal pardon shines in His dear ban and side.

Hark how the ransomed millions His worthy praises sing!
To join their hallelujahs, our souls are on the wing.

We bless thee, sacred Spirit, for thy sweet shinings now;
We bless thee, holy Father, and our dear Redeemer too.

But we would fain adore thee where sin is known no more,
And cast our crowns before thee on yonder blissful shore.

THE ANSWER OF A GOOD CONSCIENCE

“THE LIKE FIGURE WHEREUNTO EVEN BAPTISM DOTH ALSO NOW SAVE US (NOT THE PUTTING AWAY OF THE FILTH OF THE FLESH, BUT THE ANSWER OF A GOOD CONSCIENCE TOWARD GOD,) BY THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST:”

(1 PETER 3:21)

Beloved, if I were to ask you, if you have a good conscience, I trust that if you were honest about it, you would say “not in or through anything I have done.” But blessed *be* the LORD, believing sinner, you have *the answer of a good conscience toward God*, through the doing and dying of the Lord Jesus Christ! Indeed, we have a good conscience before God *by the resurrection of Jesus Christ*. Dear reader, may our Heavenly Father graciously show you that in every demand His Holy Law makes of a sinner like you and a sinner like me, He has made His beloved Son, our blessed Redeemer, the answer for all His holy demands before Him in love.

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